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SUBJECT: VISA ELIGIBLITY OF MIR MEMBERS: MIR PROFILE

REF: (A) STATE 50275; (B) SANTIAGO 1349 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE FOLLOWING PROFILE OF THE MIR AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CONTAINS HIGHLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION FROM ALL SOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE TREATED AS NOFORN.

2. THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) WAS FORMED IN THE MID-1960S BY DISSIDENT COMMUNIST AND SOCIALISTS, WHO WERE OUSTED FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES BECAUSE THEY ADVOCATED CUBAN-STYLE GUERRILLA WARFARE AND ARMED REVOLUTION AS THE MEANS TO ACHIEVE POWER. THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD 1968-1973, THE MIR ENGAGED IN AN EVER INCREASING SERIES OF TERRORIST ACTS, INCLUDING "REVOLUTIONARY EXPROPRIATIONS" SUCH AS BANK ROBBERIES (IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE POLICEMAN WAS KILLED), THEFTS OF AUTOMOBILES/ARMS/DOCUMENTS, ARMED SEIZURES OF INDUSTRIES, PRIVATE PROPERTIES AND LANDS, IN WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, MANY PERSONS WERE WOUNDED AFD A NUMBER KILLED. THE MIR ALSO ESTABLISHED SOPHISTICATED GUERRILLA-WARFARE TRAINING SCHOOLS IN RURAL MOUNTAIN AREAS UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF MIR LEADERS WHO HAD RECEIVED EARLIER TRAINING IN CUBA.

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3. BECAUSE OF ITS USE OF TERRORIST TACTICS, THE MIR WAS A PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF DISSENSION BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH STRONGLY CONDEMNED ITS USE OF VIOLENCE, AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY, THE DOMINANT HARD-LINE FACTION OF WHICH SUPPORTED THE MIR AS A WEAPON TO INTIMIDATE MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION AND FORCE PRESIDENT ALLENDE TO HASTEN THE PACE OF THE MARXIST TAKEOVER IN CHILE. IN THE LAST MONTHS OF THE ALLENDE REGIME, THE MIR'S STRENGTH WAS APPROXIMATELY 1000 HARD-CORE MILITANTS, WHOSE PRINCIPLAL TASKS WERE TO TRAIN GUERILLAS AND TO ORGANIZE THE POOR IN THE SLUMS AND THE PEASANTS, INCITING THEM TO VIOLENT ACTIONS, AS PART OF THE MIR'S STATED OBJECTIVE TO PREPARE FOR THE LONG REVOLUTIONARY WAR WHICH WOULD BE NEEDED TO BRING ABOUT THE TRUE MARXIST STATE.

4. DURING 1970-1973, THE MIR ESTABLISHED CLOSE TIES WITH SISTER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS IN URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA, NAMELY THE ARGENTINE TROTSKYIST PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) AND THE URUGUAYAN NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MLN-TUPAMAROS). THE MIR PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO ERP AND MLN MILITANTS WHO WERE MOVING CLANDESTINELY BETWEEN CHILE AND ARGENTINA/URUGUAY. IN AUGUST 1973, THE MIR/ERP/MLN AGREED ON THE INTERNATIONAL UNIFICIATION OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONS TO FACILITATE MUTUAL COOPERATION ON THE GOALS OF EACH TERRORIST ORGANIZATION IN ITS RESPECTIVE COUNTRY.

5. WITH THE SEPTEMBER 1973 OVERTHROW OF THE MARXIST REGIME, THE MIR CONVERTED FROM A SEMI-CLANDESTINE TO A TOTALLY CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION. A NUMBER OF ITS LEADERS EXFILTRATED TO ARGENTINA, CUBA AND EUROPE, PARTICULARLY FRANCE AND PORTUGAL, BUT MANY WERE EITHER CAPTURED OR KILLED IN ARMED CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE SECURIY FORCES, IN WHICH A NUMBER OF THE LATTER WERE ALSO KILLED.

6. IN EARLY 1974, THE MIR/ERP/MLN AND THE BOLIVIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) ANNOUNCED IN PORTUGAL THAT THEY HAD FORMED A REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR), BASED IN ARGENTINA. IN JUNE 1974, THE ERP ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT IT HAD GIVEN U.S. &5 MILLION TO ITS SITER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE JCR. THE MONEY WAS PART OF THE RANSOM FROM THE ERP KIDNAPPING OF A U.S. EXXON EXECUTIVE. [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)

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[redacted] THE MIR'S PORTION WASS$3 MILLION. IN JULY 1974, MIR LEADERS STATED THAT THEY STIL HAD OVER 500 MACHINEGUNS AND 7 ARMS MANUFACTURING AND ASSEMBLY PLANTS IN THE SANTIAGO AREA, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. THE MIR ALSO ASSURED ITS MILITANTS THAT IT MAINTAINED THE CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE FALSE PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR CLANDESTINE TRAVEL. BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1974 AND MARCH 1975, CHILEAN SECURITY SERVICES INTERCEPTED OVER U.S. $204,000 BEING BROUGHT TO THE MIR BY ERP COURIERS.

7. IN JULY 1975, THE JCR DREW UP A PLAN FOR A MAJOR GUERRILLA OPERATION TARGETED AGAINST ARGENTINA, CHILE AND BOLIVIA, WITH THE MIR PORTION TO BE INITIATED IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1975 WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF FOUR SENIOR GOVERNMENT PERSONALITIES, WHOSE IDENTITIES WERE GIVEN IN CODE. CHILEAN SECURITY SERVICES UNCOVERED THE PLAN FOLLOWING A MID-OCTOBER CONFRONTATION WITH THREE MIR LEADERS, IN WHICH ONE WAS KILLED AND THE OTHER TWO ESCAPED AND SUBSEQUENTLY SECURED ASYLUM IN EMBASSIES IN SANTIAGO. OTHER DOCUMENTS FOUND AT THE TIME REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT THE JCR HAD SENT THE MIR U.S. $1 MILLION IN OCTOBER 1975, AND ALSO REPORTED ON THE STATE OF READINESS OF THE JCR'S NEW REMOTE-CONTROLLLED ROCKET, WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT THE MACHINEGUNS AND GRENADES ALREADY BEING PRODUCED IN THE ARGENTINE-BASED JCR WEAPONS/AMMUNITION FACTORY.

8. IN ADDITION TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ERP IN THE JCR, THE MIR IS ALSO COLLABORATING WITH THE ARGENTINE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST LEAGUE (LCR), AN AFFILIATE OF THE TROTSKYIST FOURTH INTERNATIONAL IN FRANCE. IN MID-1975, THE LCR PROVIDED U.S. $50,000 TO THE MIR, THE FUNDS REPRESENTING PART OF THE RANSOM FROM THE KIDNAPPING OF A PROMINENT ARGENTINE ENGINEER. THE MIR SEES ARGENTINA S THE MOST LOGICAL PLACE TO REORGANIZE ITS FORCES
AND ULTIMATELY TO INFILTRATE

BACK TO CHILE TO REINITIATE TERRORIST ACTIVITY AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

9. DURING A DECEMBER 1975 RAID ON A MIR HIDEOUT, LOCAL SECURITY SERVICES DISCOVERED A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT U.S.
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EMBASSY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. ON 30 DECEMBER 1975, THE SECURITY SERVICES INFORMED THE EMBASSY OF THE FIND AND TURNED THE DIRECTORY COPY OVER TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

10. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE ABOVE PROFILE THAT THE MIR, THOUGH COMPOSED PARTIALLY OF DISSIDENT COMMUNISTS, IS NOT A COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION AS SUCH. THE MIR DOES ITS OWN THING AND THAT IS THE PURSUIT OF POLITICAL GOALS BY VIOLENCE AND TERROR. THE MIR'S PROFESSED IDEOLOGY CALLS FOR VIOLENCE, AND ITS ACTIONS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THIS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE SURE MIR POSSESSION OF AN EMBASSY PHONE BOOK WAS NOT FOR SOCIAL PURPOSES. THE MIR HAS MURDERED AND ROBBED. THE MIR "ADVOCATES" AND "TEACHES" AND INDEED HAS PRACTICED THE "OVERTHROW BY FORCE OF LAW," THE ASSASSINATION OF "OFFICERS...OF ANY OTHER ORGANIZED GOVERNMENT" (THAT OF CHILE AND PROBABLY THE US AS WELL) AND THE "UNLAWFUL DAMAGE, INJURY OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY" (ROBBING BANKS ETC.). THE MIR WITHOUT DOUBT IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 212(A)(28)(F) OF THE INA.
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